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DEPT PASS TO T.L. STRIEGLER, DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT,
US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DPT. OF INTERIOR, WASHDC

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SUBJ: ENFORCEMENT OF U.S. WILDLIFE LAWS

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1. REFTELS A & B CROSSED IN TRANSMISSION.

2. ONE PROBLEM IN WILDLIFE EXPORTATION CASES IS LACK OF
COORDINATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THAI GOVERNMENT.
PERMITS FROM BOTH THE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT SECTION AND THE
FOREIGN TRADE DEPARTMENT ARE NECESSARY FOR THE EXPORT OF
PROTECTED WILDLIFE. WHILE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FROM BOTH,
THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT THE TWO OFFICES COORDINATE
APPROVAL. IN THE SEATO LAB CASE (REFTEL C), SHIPMENT DID HAVE
FOREIGN TRADE PERMIT, BUT NONE FROM WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT. IN
THE CASE OF THE GIBBONS SHIPPED TO THE ARK ANIMAL EXCHANGE IN
CANADA AND RE-SHIPPED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS,
NEITHER FOREIGN TRADE NOR WILDLIFE ISSUED ANY PERMIT. WHEN
EMBASSY ATTEMPTED TO GET CERTIFIED STATEMENT FROM MR. PONG
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LENG EE, CHIEF OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT SECTION, ABOUT THE DAVIS

CASE, HE WOULD NOT GO BEYOND AN OFFICIAL LETTER. IN LIGHT OF
CONTROVERSY ABOUT THIS CASE SINCE, THAI OFFICIALS MAY BE
WILLING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION IN FORM SUITABLE FOR USE IN US
COURTS IN FUTURE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY DOES NOT WANT TO APPROACH
THEM ABOUT SETTING UP PROCEDURE NOW, BUT PREFERS TO WAIT UNTIL
THERE IS A SPECIFIC CASE OF ALLEGED ILLEGAL EXPORTATION.
WE THINK THAT THERE WOULD BE A BETTER CHANCE OF A FAVORABLE
RESPONSE IF WE CAN PRESENT THEM WITH A SPECIFIC CASE. PLEASE
ADVISE IF THIS PROCEDURE IS ACCEPTABLE.
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